

Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Russell Harold Espeland was born near Alcester, South Dakota, on March 21, 1918; and,

WHEREAS, Russ spent his early years on a farm near Alcester and later moved to California in 1936, serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II; and,

WHEREAS, Virginia Lester became his bride on August 8, 1942, and three daughters, Cheri, Pam and Debbie, were the blessed results of this happy union; and,

WHEREAS, Russ has reached his 70th birthday, an occasion of joy and celebration; and,

WHEREAS, He has given much during his lifetime and it is fitting that we honor him as an Honorary Citizen of South Dakota on this momentous occasion:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 21, 1988, as

RUSSELL HAROLD ESPELAND DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his many friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday and many more years of health and happiness.



ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

The signature of George S. Mickelson, Governor of South Dakota, in cursive ink.

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

The signature of Joyce Fazeltine, Secretary of State, in cursive ink.

JOYCE FAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE